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Period for Reply

A SHORTENED STATUTORY PERIOD FOR REPLY IS SET TO EXPIRE 3 MONTH(S) FROM THE MAILING DATE OF THIS COMMUNICATION.

- Extensions of time may be available under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a). In no event, however, may a reply be timely filed after SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- If the period for reply specified above is less than thirty (30) days, a reply within the statutory minimum of thirty (30) days will be considered timely.
- If NO period for reply is specified above, the maximum statutory period will apply and will expire SIX (6) MONTHS from the mailing date of this communication.
- Failure to reply within the set or extended period for reply will, by statute, cause the application to become ABANDONED (35 U.S.C. § 133).
- Any reply received by the Office later than three months after the mailing date of this communication, even if timely filed, may reduce any earned patent term adjustment. See 37 CFR 1.704(b).

Status

- 1) ☒ Responsive to communication(s) filed on 30 May 2003.
- 2a) ☒ This action is **FINAL**. 2b) ☐ This action is non-final.
- 3) ☐ Since this application is in condition for allowance except for formal matters, prosecution as to the merits is closed in accordance with the practice under *Ex parte Quayle*, 1935 C.D. 11, 453 O.G. 213.

Disposition of Claims

- 4) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are pending in the application.
- 4a) Of the above claim(s) _____ is/are withdrawn from consideration.
- 5) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are allowed.
- 6) ☒ Claim(s) 1-8 is/are rejected.
- 7) ☐ Claim(s) _____ is/are objected to.
- 8) ☐ Claim(s) _____ are subject to restriction and/or election requirement.

Application Papers

- 9) ☐ The specification is objected to by the Examiner.
- 10) ☒ The drawing(s) filed on 7/19/02 is/are: a) ☒ accepted or b) ☐ objected to by the Examiner.
Applicant may not request that any objection to the drawing(s) be held in abeyance. See 37 CFR 1.85(a).
- 11) ☐ The proposed drawing correction filed on _____ is: a) ☐ approved b) ☐ disapproved by the Examiner.
If approved, corrected drawings are required in reply to this Office action.
- 12) ☐ The oath or declaration is objected to by the Examiner.

Priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 119 and 120

- 13) ☒ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
- a) ☒ All b) ☐ Some * c) ☐ None of:
1. ☒ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
2. ☐ Certified copies of the priority documents have been received in Application No. _____.
3. ☐ Copies of the certified copies of the priority documents have been received in this National Stage application from the International Bureau (PCT Rule 17.2(a)).
- * See the attached detailed Office action for a list of the certified copies not received.
- 14) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(e) (to a provisional application).
- a) ☐ The translation of the foreign language provisional application has been received.
- 15) ☐ Acknowledgment is made of a claim for domestic priority under 35 U.S.C. §§ 120 and/or 121.

Attachment(s)

- 1) ☒ Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2) ☐ Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3) ☐ Information Disclosure Statement(s) (PTO-1449) Paper No(s) _____
- 4) ☐ Interview Summary (PTO-413) Paper No(s). _____
- 5) ☐ Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6) ☐ Other:

DETAILED ACTION

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 102

1. The following is a quotation of the appropriate paragraphs of 35 U.S.C. 102 that form the basis for the rejections under this section made in this Office action:

A person shall be entitled to a patent unless –

(b) the invention was patented or described in a printed publication in this or a foreign country or in public use or on sale in this country, more than one year prior to the date of application for patent in the United States.

2. Claims 1, 4, and 8 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 102(b) as being anticipated by Marrs et al., hereinafter Marrs (U.S. Patent 5,583,378), previously cited.

Marrs discloses in figure 2A, a semiconductor device comprising a semiconductor chip 202; metal thin wires 222 are respectively connected to electrodes on the semiconductor chip; a wiring board 214 having an opening for accommodating the semiconductor chip and the board is connected to the chip by the wires; a heat spreader 204 having a flat principle surface, and having the chip and the wiring board on the surface; a common adhesive layer, 210 and 206, in direct physical contact with and which is provided over the principle surface of the heat spreader and is in direct physical contact with both the chip and the wiring board to the heat spreader; and an encapsulating resin 226 sealing the metal thin wires, wherein the chip is disposed in the opening of the wiring board, and is separated from the edges of the wiring board that collectively define the opening by a space so that the chip does not completely cover the heat spreader with the opening, and a portion of the heat spreader within the opening that is not covered by the chip is covered by the adhesive layer.

Claim Rejections - 35 USC § 103

3. The following is a quotation of 35 U.S.C. 103(a) which forms the basis for all obviousness rejections set forth in this Office action:

(a) A patent may not be obtained though the invention is not identically disclosed or described as set forth in section 102 of this title, if the differences between the subject matter sought to be patented and the prior art are such that the subject matter as a whole would have been obvious at the time the invention was made to a person having ordinary skill in the art to which said subject matter pertains. Patentability shall not be negated by the manner in which the invention was made.

4. Claims 2 and 3 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marrs, as applied to claim 1 above, and further in view of Yamagata et al., hereinafter Yamagata (U.S. 5,828,127), previously cited.

Marrs discloses the claimed invention, as discussed above, except for a second adhesive layer and a radiating fin.

Yamagata discloses in figure 13, adhesive 20 and fin 19 to improve heat releasing capability (see column 19, lines 31-43). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use this structure in Marrs invention in order to further improve heat dissipation capability in the device of Marrs invention, and further use a second adhesive layer as the material for the layer 230A of Marrs structure, with the same thermal characteristic as the first adhesive layer, since the adhesive would have been readily available (it was used to form the first adhesive layer).

5. Claims 5-6 are rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marrs in view of Yamagata, as applied to claim 2 above, and further in view of Shin (U.S. Patent 5,807,768), previously cited.

Yamagata, as applied to Marrs, renders obvious the claimed invention, as discussed above, Marrs further disclosing in figure 2K a second adhesive 206, which is encapsulated with resin 226. However, Marrs does not disclose sealing the metal thin wires with a second different encapsulating resin after a first encapsulating resin, which seals the chip, has been cured.

Shin discloses in figure 2 a first encapsulate 6a, and a second encapsulate 7a, sealing the metal wires, are provided for the chip package in the figure. Furthermore, Shin discloses the first encapsulate is cured before the second one is added (see column 5, lines 8-10; and column 10, lines 29-37). Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to use two encapsulates in order to attach the chip to the heat sink firmly, with a first stronger encapsulate than the second encapsulate to be disposed on the wires, without affecting the wires. Although, the process step order is not thought by the references, as claim 5 recites, an order of sequence can not be considered as an act of invention, and the sequence of ordering of a process step is held to render prima facie obvious. *Ex Parte Rubin* 126 USPQ 440 (BAPI 1959).

6. Claim 7 is rejected under 35 U.S.C. 103(a) as being unpatentable over Marrs in view of Yamagata, and further in view of Shin, and further in view of Ross (U.S. Patent 5,572,070), newly cited.

Marrs in view of Yamagata and Shin renders obvious the claimed invention, as discussed above, except for disclosing the resin has been partially cured.

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Ross discloses at column 4, lines 10-19 a partially cured resin remains non-flowing. Therefore, it would have been obvious to one of ordinary skill in the art at the time the invention was made to only partially cure the resin in the Shin reference in order to be able to have flexibility in adding and measuring the desired amount of resin in the structure of the reference.

Response to Arguments

7. Applicant's arguments filed 5/30/03 have been fully considered but they are not persuasive.

Regarding applicant's argument that the adhesive layer in the primary reference is not in direct contact with a principal surface of the heat spreader, the chip and the board, note that a common adhesive 210 and 206 is in direct contact with all the three above-mentioned elements. Also, note that layers 210 and 206 could comprise either one or two layer, since both are adhesives between the chip 202 and the heat spreader 204. It has been held that mere duplication of the essential working parts of a device involves only routine skill in the art. *St. Regis Paper Co. v. Bemis Co.*, 193 USPQ 8. As the case law makes it clear, whether 1, or two of the same identical material/ element used for the same purpose in a device does not make the claim patentably distinguishable.

Regarding applicant's argument that the newly added limitation in claim 7 is not disclosed by any of the previously cited references, note that the new limitation is rendered obvious in view of the newly cited reference to Ross.

Conclusion

8. **THIS ACTION IS MADE FINAL.** Applicant is reminded of the extension of time policy as set forth in 37 CFR 1.136(a).

A shortened statutory period for reply to this final action is set to expire **THREE MONTHS** from the mailing date of this action. In the event a first reply is filed within **TWO MONTHS** of the mailing date of this final action and the advisory action is not mailed until after the end of the **THREE-MONTH** shortened statutory period, then the shortened statutory period will expire on the date the advisory action is mailed, and any extension fee pursuant to 37 CFR 1.136(a) will be calculated from the mailing date of the advisory action. In no event, however, will the statutory period for reply expire later than **SIX MONTHS** from the mailing date of this final action.

Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Dana Farahani whose telephone number is (703)305-1914. The examiner can normally be reached on M-F 9:00AM - 6:00PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Wael Fahmy can be reached on (703)308-4918. The fax phone numbers for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned are (703)872-9318 for regular communications and (703)872-9319 for After Final communications.


Any inquiry of a general nature or relating to the status of this application or proceeding should be directed to the receptionist whose telephone number is (703)308-0956.

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